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Happy New Year! I am excited to begin the year with some exciting science units in kindergarten. We will focus on the changes of the seasons as we experience winter. The focus will be on weather, winter activities, animal behavior, and plants. We will also perform some experiments with liquids and solids as we explore water and ice. The students will also focus on differences between living and non-living things. We will explore "earth materials" such as rocks, sand, soil, and water. The students will be encouraged to collect rocks to bring to school to examine and sort.

The social studies standard of showing respect and concern for the rights of others will be emphasized as we learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his contributions during his birthday week.

In math we will begin a new unit that emphasizes number concept. Some key concepts that the children will be learning are: counting on and counting back, combining (adding) sets and numbers, decomposing (taking away) sets and numbers, and telling how much is missing to make a total of ten.

In language arts the children will continue to participate in book discussions. The children will continue to read books at their own level and write daily. The children have shown much interest in these activities. We have a class of budding authors!

I am looking forward to a great new year!

